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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS McCOOL JUNCTION

McCool Junction, Neb., February 17, 2006—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded a \$52,000 loan to the Village of McCool Junction, Neb. for extension of their water and sanitary sewer services to Stone Creek Event Center and surrounding grounds inside corporate limits. Project will serve the nearly 400 rural residents of McCool Junction. Loan will be repaid over 20 years at 4.5 percent interest.

"The extension of the village's water and sewer lines will not only benefit the event center but will also open up the potential for more new customers to be connected to such services," stated Janice Stopak, community programs specialist, USDA Rural Development. "Safe, sanitary and dependable water and sewer infrastructure is vital to rural communities as it promotes growth."

Funding provided via USDA Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Loan program. For additional information contact Janice Stopak, (402) 423-9683, (402) 437-5093 (TDY); janice.stopak@ne.usda.gov; 6030 S. 58th Street, Suite B, Lincoln, NE 68516. Visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/.

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